

## 264<sup>th</sup> LTF leads the way in logistics



Photo courtesy of the 264<sup>th</sup> LTF

*Pfc. Adrian Gonzalez, 503<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Company, 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force assists in the repair of a High Mobility Multiwheeled Vehicle engine. The 503<sup>rd</sup> and 372<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Companies have done more than 1,700 direct support jobs since September 2002.*

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — From food to fuel, maintenance to Meals Ready to Eat, one task force has supplied and sustained the U.S. and coalition forces in central Afghanistan more than any other task force deployed here. From a logistical standpoint, the 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force has done it all.

Made up of active, reserve and National Guard components, one could call the 264<sup>th</sup> LTF a jack of all trades kind of unit handling logistical problems of every kind with a highly diverse and skilled task force of soldiers.

“The advanced party began to arrive on Sept. 11, 2002 with more than 250 active duty personnel making up the task force,” said Lt. Col. Matt Broadus, commander, 264<sup>th</sup> LTF, Fort Bragg, N.C. “Since then we have redeployed many of our active duty soldiers and filled their positions with reserve, National Guard units and (Kellogg) Brown and Root contractors. Currently there are less than 80

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## New station will improve fire department

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — The fire department will soon have a new home.

Construction on the new fire station began April 13 and is projected to be completed by the end of June.

The new station will have six bunk rooms, two offices, a conference room, showers, storage space and room in the garage for six trucks.

“The new fire station will improve the quality of life for fire fighters. It includes semi-private bunkrooms to allow for better sleeping. There will also be training room with three computer workstations to allow for certification training. It will also include latrine facilities for both men and women that allows for showering on duty, which is essential for the upcoming hot months,” said Air Force Senior Mas-

ter Sgt. Kevin Matlock, fire chief, 455<sup>th</sup> EOG Fire Department.

“The new station will have a fully enclosed vehicle parking area, which will protect the vehicles from heat, dust, wind and the cold during the winter. Previously, we experienced vehicles freezing during the winter thus causing a lack of service, which will be prevented by the stalls,” he added.

This new station is important for the fire department because they have been working in temporary places.

“The fire station doesn’t really have a home. They have always been in temporary accommodations, but this will give them a permanent home. This will be their fourth location,” said Capt. Ralph Adam, project manager, San Francisco team, 416<sup>th</sup> Facility Engineer Group. “They have been in tents and temporary facilities making do with what they have.”

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Laci Peterson

## DA wants autopsy results made public

**MODESTO, Calif.** — On the heels of gruesome information leaked from the autopsy report on Laci Peterson's unborn child, the prosecutor in the case filed a motion Thursday seeking to unseal the reports on both the mother and child so that the media can report accurate information.

Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton said the people of California have the right to correct inaccurate information, suggesting the media reports on the autopsy are not.

"By releasing the autopsy reports, the court will allow the media to see what the actual facts are and then accurate information may be reported to mitigate recent adverse publicity," his motion read.

Brazelton earlier Thursday released a statement, saying he "cannot verify the accuracy of any media statements concerning the contents of the autopsy reports without violating the court's order."

He later decided to file the motion.

"It continues to be the view of the district attorney that the evidence in this case should be presented in court through testimony of witnesses and not selectively leaked to the news media by unknown persons whom the press will not identify," he said.

His motion will be heard June 6 in Superior Court in Modesto.

## Iraqi missile targeted coalition HQ during war

**CAMP DOHA, Kuwait** — The Iraqi military came within seconds of possibly wiping out the headquarters of the coalition ground forces with a missile on March 27, U.S. military officials said.

The missile was intercepted and destroyed by a U.S. Patriot missile shortly before it could have hit its target.

A CNN crew embedded at ground forces headquarters witnessed the incident.

At the time of the incident, the material from the crew was embargoed under an agreement with the U.S. military until major hostilities in Iraq were over.

"This was Saddam's decapitation strike," said CNN national security analyst Ken Robinson, part of the CNN crew embedded at ground forces headquarters.

"Had anyone reported this — had we reported it, or had it gotten out — it would have enabled them to know that they had the exact grid coordinate they needed," Robinson said.

The al-Samoud missile was launched toward Camp Doha from an area just north of Basra.

An analysis of the Iraqi missile's trajectory by the U.S. Army's air defense unit showed it would have landed on or near the building housing the Coalition Forces Land Component Command operations center and war room.

The missile was launched during the middle of the command's morning battle-field update, a time when ground forces commander Lt. Gen. David McKiernan and other top officers were in the building.

A U.S. missile battery crew based across the street from Camp Doha fired two Patriot missile at the Iraqi al-Samoud. One intercepted it.

Most of the debris landed on the edge of Camp Doha, but people working in the building next to the ground forces operations center reported hearing some debris hit their roof.

## Sharon-Abbas meeting described as 'candid,' 'beneficial'

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli officials described Thursday's meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas as having a "good atmosphere," while Palestinians described it as "serious, candid and beneficial."

The two leaders met face-to-face for two and a half hours late Thursday, discussing implementation of the U.S.-backed "road map" to peace ahead of a visit to the region next week by President Bush.

While no major breakthroughs were announced, both sides indicated some progress was made. Israeli officials described the meeting as having a "good atmosphere," while Palestinians described it as "serious, candid and beneficial."

The Israeli government announced that it would take a number of "confidence-building" measures, including releasing more than 100 Palestinian detainees, reopening borders between Israel and the occupied territories, issuing permits for 25,000 Palestinians to work in Israel and releasing some impounded tax money to the Palestinian Authority.

## Canada SARS cases number 41

**CNN** — Using a new, broader definition of a SARS case, Canadian officials Thursday said the number of suspected and probable cases in Ontario's latest outbreak has grown from 31 to 41.

The number includes 33 probable cases and eight suspected cases, said Dr. Colin D'Cunha, Ontario's public health commissioner.

The increase is partly due to the adoption by Ontario officials and Health Canada of the broader case definition recommended by the World Health Organization and used by virtually every other country.

Of the 33 probable cases, four people have died, leaving Canada with 29 active cases of SARS, Health Canada, the national health agency, said Thursday. Canada has seen a total of 29 SARS deaths since the start of the year.

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active soldiers still here.”

Replacing active duty support units with reserve and National Guard units has many advantages according to Broaddus.

“The supply and maintenance companies here that replaced our active duty companies out of (Fort) Bragg, are National Guard units from Iowa, Utah and Ohio,” said Broaddus. “For many of these soldiers this is their first deployment.”

Other advantages to having National Guard units in the task force, is the skill level they bring with them.

“A lot of our National Guard soldiers are older than our active-duty troops, and are professionals at what they do” said Maj. Scott Meier, support operations officer, 264<sup>th</sup> LTF. “Most of the maintenance company, personnel have never worked on a military vehicle before, but because of their skill level they can take almost any engine and fix the problem.”

The 264<sup>th</sup> LTF has accomplished more in their eight months here than they ever dreamed possible.

“Currently we are supporting all of the forces in central Afghanistan with food, water and fuel,” said Broaddus. “We have stored and issued over 22 million gallons of water, 19 million gallons of fuel and done over 1,700 direct support maintenance jobs.

“We have also returned over \$24 million worth of vehicle parts, issued over 386 short tons of ammunition and distributed more than \$40 million worth of food to forces all over Afghanistan,” Broaddus added.

Other than being the main logistical support unit for thousands of troops, the task force still meets all requirements dictated to them by XVIII Airborne Corps.

“All of our soldiers conduct physical training five times a week and complete all of their tactical training including foot marches and common task training,” said Broaddus.

Meier said even though they have accomplished great things and overcome many obstacles, the task force job is not done.

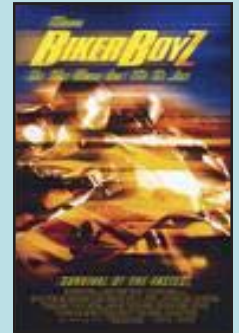
“We are very proud of how far we’ve come, but Afghanistan is still a work in progress,” said Meier. “We’ve set a high standard for our replacements to follow and we hope we leave Bagram with a reputation for providing outstanding logistical support.”

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: “Biker Boyz.”

A mythic motorcycle tale of father and son, this is the story of Manuel Galloway, the president of a motorcycle club whose members are all African-American men, mostly white-collar workers. The focus of this story takes place at an annual drag-racing event in Fresno, as Manuel tries to retain his championship title.

Tomorrow night at MWR there will be an “Old School” night.



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Saturday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Thunderstorms H: 82F L: 57F	Scattered t-storms H: 79F L: 55F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 95F L: 66F	Mostly clear H: 95F L: 64F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Thunderstorms H: 82F L: 57F	Scattered t-storms H: 79F L: 52F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Mostly cloudy H: 89F L: 56F	Sunny H: 90F L: 55F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# Reveille takes special meaning at OEF

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Reveille has always been an important part of military tradition. From Fort Drum, N.Y., to the front lines of the War on Terror, honors are given to the flag as it is raised each morning over a military compound.

Reveille took on a special meaning at the Combined Joint Task Force-180 headquarters compound Wednesday morning as an American flag that was flown at the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001, was raised over the headquarters for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The flag was taken out of building number seven of the World Trade Center by a police officer as people inside the building fled after witnessing the first of the twin towers collapse.

The police officer and the Nam Knights, a motorcycle club composed of military veterans and police officers, thought it fitting to present the flag to a soldier who served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in Afghanistan.

As the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain prepares to once again take control of operations in the War



*Spc. Angel Acevedo, left, and Sgt. Andreas Adams, military police officers with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, raise a flag that flew at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, at the Combined Joint Task Force-180 compound.*

on Terror, it seemed fitting for a flag once nearly destroyed in an act of terrorism, is flown over the command center in a war to keep such an act from ever happening again.

Although the ceremony was performed just like any other morning at Bagram Air Base, it had a deep significance to those who participated.

“(Raising this flag) definitely had a sentimental value, just to be a part of it is more than an award,” said Spc. Angel Acevedo, a military police officer with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain also plans to fly other flags over the CJTF-180 compound and give them to the Nam Knights and the New York Port Authority Police.



Photo by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

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“This will be a dramatic improvement for the fire department. They will have complete facilities just like a regular firehouse,” he added.

The new location, which is behind the north hanger, was chosen for its location.

“The land is tight on base so we tried to find the most centered

location available. This was the best available location with quick access to the airfield and tents,” said Adam.

Matlock believes the location will help if emergencies arise on the airfield.

“As far as the response time, the new location will not necessarily improve this but being right on the ramp will allow for easier access in the event of an emergency,” he said.

Currently the fire department is using the north hanger, but according to Matlock it can be put to better use by others.

“The station is important because currently we are housed in a facility that would be better utilized for an aviation unit. Additionally, the base is currently seeking to outsource fire services and part of the contract will be to provide a facility to the contractor,” he said.

Matlock feels this is an important step in taking care of servicemembers.

“As a move toward expansion seems to be taking shape here, it’s important to have a modern fire station to meet the needs of the base populace – not to mention a facility that is easily recognizable to the public,” said Matlock. “Most folks don’t even know where to find us right now and this will help remove that obstacle.”



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

## NASCAR stops race after 276 laps

CONCORD, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson made it 2-for-2 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, winning the Coca-Cola 600 when NASCAR declared the race over after 276 laps Sunday night because of rain.

Johnson, who won \$1 million last week when he won The Winston, was leading when heavy rain soaked the track. The shower was brief, but NASCAR figured it would take at least three hours to dry the track and more rain was expected.

So the sanctioning body shortened the longest race of the year — stopping it after 414 of the 600 miles — a decision Johnson and his crew initially didn't believe as word trickled down pit road.

But as the crowd began to boo the decision, the Hendrick Motorsports team knew it was official and began a hesitant celebration.

"I am dumbfounded," Johnson said. "I expected to be doing doughnuts on the frontstretch to celebrate. But we'll take it this way."



Jimmie Johnson

Winston Cup points leader Matt Kenseth finished second, Bobby Labonte was third and was followed by Jimmy Spencer, polesitter Ryan Newman, Michael Waltrip and Sterling Marlin.

Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett and Ward Burton rounded out the Top 10.

## Filter could reduce levels by 75 percent

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR approved a carbon monoxide filter Friday to allow drivers to breathe easier during races that can last as long as five hours.

NASCAR's research has shown that the device, called a catalyst, can reduce carbon monoxide by up to 75 percent inside the car.

"The experts concluded that the levels of carbon monoxide were not at an alarming level," said Gary Nelson, NASCAR's managing director of research and development. "But we wanted to ensure our drivers the best possible environment to compete in."

The device, which will be optional, has been one of the top projects at NASCAR's research and development center. It costs around \$400 to build and can be installed in a car in about two hours.

NASCAR has identified one manufacturer for the catalyst and is looking at other designs to be used in the driver's ventilation system.

Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart used one of the devices last month at Martinsville, Va., and other teams tried them at California and Richmond. Sunday's race, the Coca-Cola 600, is the longest race of the season.

The catalyst sits on the floor in the car next to the driver and sends clean air to the driver's helmet. It's the same theory as catalytic converters used in street cars to diminish pollutants in the exhaust, "but this is a low-temperature catalyst."

NASCAR has been working since last fall on systems to filter the air a driver breathes during a race, a project that drew increased focus after Rick Mast announced in January he was retiring because years of exposure to toxic fumes had given him acute and chronic carbon monoxide poisoning.

The effects of carbon monoxide are cumulative, building in a driver's body each time he or she is exposed to it. Since last year, some drivers have been undergoing heavy oxygen treatments after races to decrease the effects of breathing carbon monoxide.

"We helped educate teams on preparing a vehicle in a fashion that would minimize any type of leaks involving carbon monoxide," Nelson said. "Finally, we had to locate the right component that effectively lowers the percentage of carbon monoxide that may enter the vehicle."

Meanwhile, NASCAR is also close to approving a design on an escape hatch that could be installed in the roof of the cars to give

## Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

### Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates @ St. Louis Cardinals (live) 0000Z
- ❖ ESPNNews (live) 0300Z
- ❖ NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: WBNA Armed Forces Family Truck 200 (tape delayed) 0400Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 0600Z
- ❖ MLB: Oakland A's @ Kansas City Royals (tape delayed) 0700Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1000Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ Totally NASCAR (tape delayed) 1130Z
- ❖ EXPN 2Day - Global Championship Review (tape delayed) 1200Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1300Z
- ❖ Wire to Wire (tape delayed) 1400Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (tape delayed) 1430Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 1500Z
- ❖ Tennis: 2003 French Open (live) 1600Z
- ❖ PGA TOUR: Memorial Tournament: Third Round (live) 1900Z

### Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ NBA Playoffs - Western Conference Finals Gm 7 If Nec.: Dallas Mavericks @ San Antonio Spurs or WNBA: Mystics @ Fever (live) 0030Z
- ❖ MLS: Chicago Fire @ San Jose Earthquakes or NBA Playoffs - Western Conference Finals Gm 7 If Nec.: Dallas Mavericks @ San Antonio Spurs (tape delayed) 0100Z
- ❖ ESPNNews \* If NBA Playoffs - WCF Gm 7: Mavericks @ Spurs Is Necessary or SportsCenter (live) 0330Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (live) 0400Z
- ❖ NBA 2Night (live) 0430Z
- ❖ Beyond the Glory (tape delayed) 0500Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 0600Z
- ❖ AFL Divisional Playoffs: Detroit Fury @ Tampa Bay Storm (tape delayed) 0700Z
- ❖ 2003 NHL Stanley Cup Finals Gm 3: New Jersey Devils @ Mighty Ducks of Anaheim (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (tape delayed) 1400Z
- ❖ MLB: Boston Red Sox @ Toronto Blue Jays (live) 1700Z

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drivers another exit route. They are ideal for larger drivers who struggle to squeeze through the window, and can also aid emergency crews in getting drivers out after accidents.



*CITGO gave Jeff Burton's No. 99 race car a new paint scheme and put the Bassmaster Classic logo on the hood.*

### CITGO's No. 99 race car gets a 'Classic' facelift

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — CITGO revealed its latest edition to the NASCAR Winston Cup Series today - the No. 99 CITGO Bassmaster Classic Taurus.

The car, driven by Roush Racing standout Jeff Burton, was unveiled at the site of this weekend's season-ending CITGO Bassmaster Tournament Trail event on the Alabama River in Montgomery - which is the home of BASS. Burton is scheduled to wield his new colors during the July 20 New England 300 NASCAR Winston Cup Series race at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.

"We are thrilled about the opportunity to capitalize on the power of CITGO's NASCAR program to promote the upcoming CITGO Bassmaster Classic," said Lance Peck, Manager, Outdoor Sports Marketing for CITGO. "There is a definite demographic overlap between the fans of stock car racing and bass fishing — so this is a great opportunity to inform millions of NASCAR fans about the most prestigious and lucrative fishing event in the world. The Classic is the professional angler's OEDaytona 500."

This year's CITGO Bassmaster Classic will be contested on the Louisiana River Delta just outside New Orleans on Aug. 1-3. Texas resident Jay Yelas dominated the 2002 Classic by leading in all three days of competition to earn a cool \$203,000 for his efforts.

"The inclusion of the CITGO Bassmaster Classic paint scheme shows the increased attention that is being paid to the sport of professional bass fishing," said Dean Kessel, BASS Vice President and General Manager. "We are excited about this opportunity to continue to expose the sport to new audiences and take advantage of the similar demographics of our fans and motorsports fans."

### State wants all-star race to stay put

CONCORD, N.C. — Gov. Mike Easley declared May "Motorsports Month in North Carolina" on Thursday, another gim-

mick in the state's campaign to keep NASCAR from moving its annual all-star race.

The Winston has been held at Lowe's Motor Speedway 16 straight years, and all but once in event history. But NASCAR has been toying with the idea of rotating the non-points race to other venues.

So city and business leaders launched a \$650,000 campaign this spring aimed at convincing NASCAR the event should stay where it is.

Easley has been active at the track the past week: He crashed one of Jimmie Johnson's race cars last Friday while turning laps for charity, and he'll be back to drive some more laps before Saturday night's race.

"Racing is part of our heritage, culture and community," said Easley, who also commissioned a statewide study to determine how much money racing brings into North Carolina. "That's why this is motorsports month, to recognize our state as the motorsports capital of the world."

Easley said taking NASCAR out of North Carolina "would be like taking the Kentucky Derby out of Kentucky."

The Charlotte area has long been considered the unofficial hub of NASCAR. Although the sanctioning body is governed in Daytona Beach, Fla., more than 90 percent of the teams work out of North Carolina shops and most of the drivers live in the area.

"North Carolina truly is NASCAR country, that's why I moved here from Indiana in 1990," four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon said. "I knew this is where you have to be if you want to make it in NASCAR because this is the heart of it."

But NASCAR has spent the past two seasons considering moving the race to other tracks to create a true all-star atmosphere.

Lowe's got a short reprieve last season when series sponsor R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. gave the track a one-year contract extension. That gave officials enough time to work on their campaign to keep the race in Charlotte.



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By Kevin Kilgore

## Laugh Support



# Jacket Up crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

## Across

1. "You \_\_\_ for it!"
6. People to hang with
10. Gulp from a flask
14. Give up, as a right
15. Nobelist Wiesel
16. Outfielder's call
17. "It's \_\_\_ the Game"
18. Oscar winner Kedrova
19. Algerian port
20. California game fish
22. Smallville family name
23. Itar-\_\_\_ (news agency)
24. Stage whispers
26. Lawn sign
30. Black, to bards
31. Rebuke to Brutus
32. Popular auction site
35. Leering sort
39. Slaughter in baseball
40. Big band horns
42. Explorer Vasco da \_\_\_
43. Suit part
45. Fly swatter material
46. Knot or watt
47. Screen vamp Theda
49. Elaborately decorated
51. Say nay to
54. Brand of mower
56. Publican's stock
57. Football on TV, say
63. Prefix meaning "many"
64. James \_\_\_ Carter
65. Comic Fields
66. Twiddling one's thumbs
67. "There's more ..."
68. Overact
69. Burn slightly
70. Former ring champ Spinks
71. Japanese noodles

